

¿HABLA ESPAÑOL? SO DOES THE IRS!

Tax information can be difficult to understand in any language; but it can be even more difficult if it is not in your first language. To assist Spanish speakers, the IRS provides a wide range of free products and services.

IRS.gov/Espanol: The IRS Spanish Web site offers tax forms, publications, and information. Interactive applications such as the following are available for individuals:

1. The EITC Assistant (Asistente EITC) helps determine your eligibility for EITC.
2. The Withholding Calculator (Calculadora para la Retención de Impuestos) that helps ensure that the income tax withheld from your pay check is not too much or too little.

Toll-Free Telephone Assistance is available in Spanish on pre-recorded hotlines and from bilingual IRS representatives:

1. The TeleTax line (800-829-4477) has recorded messages in Spanish that are available around the clock, covering more than 100 tax topics.
2. The Refund Hotline (800-829-1954) provides information about a refund status in Spanish when caller provides the filing status and the exact refund amount expected.
3. The IRS toll-free customer service line (800-829-1040) has Spanish-speaking representatives ready to help taxpayers.

For complete list of contact numbers check IRS.gov.

Many documents available in Spanish: Among the most frequently requested publications available in Spanish are Publication 1(SP), Your Rights as a Taxpayer, Derechos del Contribuyente, and Publication 579(SP), How to Prepare the Federal Tax Return, Cómo Preparar su Declaración de Impuesto Federal. For a list of forms and publications in Spanish search the phrase “Formularios y Publicaciones” on IRS.gov.

Keeping Small Businesses in Mind: The Small Business link (Recursos Para Pequeñas Empresas) will lead business owners to information such as “SSA/IRS Reporter”, a newsletter that can be downloaded in English or Spanish. The summer 2007 edition has tips for electronic filers, late filers, tax exempt organizations, employers in economically distressed areas and businesses that are targeted by tax scams.

Other important information for Spanish-speaking business owners can be found in Publication 966(SP), Electronic Choices to Pay All Your Federal Taxes, Opciones Electrónicas para pagar todos sus Impuestos Federales, and Publication 1518(SP) Tax Calendar for Small Businesses, a working tool filled with tax tips and deadline reminders. Form 944(SP), which simplifies reporting requirements for business owners, is now available in Spanish, and when faced with challenges, it is good to know that information on disaster losses is also available in Spanish on IRS Publication 1600(SP).

If you or someone you know speaks Spanish, then think of the IRS when you need tax assistance. We can help! ¡Podemos ayudar!

